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SUBJECT: REPLY TO GENSCHER CABLE CONCERNING KUALA LUMPUR
INCIDENT

1. PLEASE RELAY THIS MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER
FROM THE SECRETARY.

BEGIN TEXT

I GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE EXPRESSING
RELIEF OVER THE RELEASE OF CONSUL STEBBINS AND HIS STAFF
FOLLOWING THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE U.S. EMBASSY IN
KUALA LUMPUR. WHEN SUCH ACTS OF IRRATIONAL VIOLENCE OCCUR
AND THREATEN THE LIVES OF FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL,
MORAL SUPPORT FROM OUR FRIENDS IS ALWAYS A SOURCE OF
STRENGTH. STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM, AND DEMONSTRATING OUR WILLINGNESS TO STAND UP
AGAINST SUCH ATTACKS CAN HOPEFULLY DISCOURAGE FURTHER ACTS
OF THIS NATURE. END TEXT

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2. AUGUST 8 MESSAGE FROM GENSCHER TO KISSINGER.

BEGIN TEXT

WITH GREAT PLEASURE AND RELIEF I LEARNED THAT CONSUL

STEBBINS, HIS STAFF AND THE OTHER HOSTAGES ENDANGERED BY
THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE U.S. EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR,
HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

I ALSO SHOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU THAT DURING THE PAST
DIFFICULT DAYS MY THOUGHTS AND THE THOUGHTS OF THE ENTIRE
GERMAN FOREIGN SERVICE WERE WITH YOU AND YOUR EFFORTS TO
SAVE THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES. ONE WHO HAS LIVED THROUGH
SIMILAR SITUATIONS KNOWS THAT THE DECISIONS TO BE MADE
BY THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE ARE ALMOST BEYOND HUMAN
CAPACITY. ATTEMPTS LIKE THIS WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN US
IN OUR DECISION TO STAND FIRMLY TOGETHER AND TO INTENSIFY
OUR JOINT EFFORTS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE
EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION OF TERRORIST
ATTACKS.

MY THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES GO TO YOU, DEAR MR. SECRETARY,
TO THE RESCUED VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK AND THEIR FAMILIES.
END TEXT MAW

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